GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TOURISM
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:366
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ENTRY OF VEHICLES IN RANTHAMBORE NATIONAL PARK
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Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the double Bench of Rajasthan High Court has once again permitted entry of vehicles in Ranthambore National Park;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether earlier the Single Bench of Rajasthan High Court had restrained private owners from operating their vehicles inside the National Park;

(d) if so, the details thereof and its effect on the tourists;

(e) the total loss suffered by the Tourism industry due to ban on entry of Vehicles in park; and

(f) the steps taken by the Government to make up this loss of revenue?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SMT. AMBIKA SONI)

(a) and (b): Yes, Sir. The Double Bench of Rajasthan High Court, Jaipur in its Order dated 22.12.2006 in D.B. Civil Special Appeal(W) No.1465/2006 preferred by the State Government permitted the entry of vehicles in Ranthambore National Park up to 15.01.2007 which was further extended vide Order dated 12.01.2007 till further orders.

(c) and (d): Yes, Sir. The Single Bench of Rajasthan High Court, Jaipur in S.B. Civil Writ Petition No.8888/2006 preferred by Shri Giriraj Goyal and others versus State of Rajasthan in its Order dated 08.12.2006 restrained the entry of vehicles in Ranthambore National Park till further orders. In compliance of this Order, entry of vehicles in the park was stopped.

(e) and (f): No assessment of loss suffered by Tourism Industry has been done by the Department of Tourism, Government of Rajasthan.